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SUBJ: REPORT OF USAF SURVEY TEAM 74-25-1/KU-TAA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS BRIEF REPORT OF USAF SURVEY TEAM 74-25-1/
KU-TAA EFFORTS TO DATE.

A. FINAL COUNT OF KAF OFFICER/PRE-COMM CANDIDATES FOR CONUS
TNG IS 102. ALL ECL AND MEDICAL TESTING COMPLETE. ECL SCORES
RANGE FROM 84 TO 15. AVERAGE SCORE WAS 48. MAX OF 58 CANDIDATES
ARE MEDICALLY QUALIFIED FOR UPT (FIRM NUMBER DEPENDENT ON
RESULTS OF SOME MEDICAL LAB TESTS WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
16 FEB).

B. KAF HAVE SELECTED SEVERAL SPECIALIES IN WHICH NON-
FLYERS (MINIMUM OF 44) COULD BE TRAINED TO SATISFY KAF REQUIRE-
MENTS. TYPICAL KAF ENGINEERING (MAINTENANCE) OFFICER IN PAST
HAS BEEN TRAINED BOTH AS TECHNICIAN AND AS MANAGER. KAF PREFERS
THAT MAINTENANCE TNG CANDIDATES IN CURRENT GROUP BE SIMILARLY
TRAINED. THEREFORE, TEAM PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO KAF THAT,
IN SELECTED TECHNICAL SPECIALITIES, TRAINEE ATTEND BOTH ENLISTED
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AND OFFICER BASIC COURSES WITH ATTENDANT FAM-JT.

C. TEAM HAS RECOMMENDED THAT KAF PILOT CANDIDATES ATTEND USAF EXPANDED UPT. WORKING LEVEL OF KAF AGREES, BUT FINAL DECISION FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY NOT YET MADE. BELIEVE THAT AUTHORITY WILL CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF (1) COUNTRY'S DESIRE TO HAVE STUDENTS ENTER CONUS TNG ASAP, (2) COUNTRY'S DESIRE TO HAVE PILOT GRADS RETURN KUWAIT IN SMALL GROUPS AT CERTAIN INTERVALS, (3) LATEST BILLETING FORECAST FOR DLI-ELS PROVIDED PRIOR TO TEAM'S DEPARTURE, AND (4) INDIVIDUAL ELT REQUIREMENTS NOW IDENTIFIED, INTEND PROPOSE ELT ENTRY SCHEDULE THAT WILL RESULT IN FOLLOWING ELT GRAD DATES FOR PILOT CANDIDATES: 18 JUN 74 (1); 25 JUN 74 (6); 20 AUG 74 (11); 24 SEP 74 (11); 22 OCT 74 (10); 19 NOV 74 (8); 7 JAN 75 (11). DO THOSE DATES FLOW ADEQUATELY WITH T-41/MAP COURSE START DATES? IF NOT, PLEASE PROVIDE LAST OF T-41 START DATES OVER THAT PERIOD.

D. ON THE AVERAGE, KAF CANDIDATES APPEAR AS WELL OR SOMEWHAT BETTER QUALIFIED FOR USAF TNG THAN COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES THIS AREA.

E. DD1513 FOR CONUS ELT HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO APPROPRIATE KAF AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATURE. ANTICIPATE SAME ON 16 FEB AND ACCEPTANCE TO FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER. WILL ADVISE WHEN DD1513 IS ACCEPTED SO THAT CASE MAY BE DIRECTED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. FIRST STUDENTS SHOULD BEGIN ELT AT LACKLAND ON 13 MAR 74. IF GOK ASKS THAT TECMS OF PAYMENT FOR ELT L.O. BE CHANGED FROM "CASH IN ADVANCE" TO "DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING", IS TEAM AUTHORIZED TO DO SO?

F. KAF RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE NO UNIFORMS ON ARRIVAL IN CONUS (REASONS TOO LENGTHY TO EXPLAIN HERE). KAF ASKED IF USAF COULD ARRANGE FOR UNIFORMS WITH BILLS SUBMITTED TO KAF GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS. TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR STUDENTS TO BRING LIMITED UNIFORMS AVAILABLE HERE AND/OR TO BRING MONETARY CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR PURCHASE OF USAF UNIFORMS IAW AFM 50-29 PARA 3-34. IN MEANTIME, NEED TO KNOW WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES USAF COULD LIVE WITH.

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G. TEAM HAS INFORMALLY RECOMMENDED THAT KAF CONSIDER USE OF DLI ELT MATERIALS TO UPGRADE ELT CAPABILITY LOCALLY. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO OPERATIONAL ELT LABS HERE, BUT CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR USE ARE INADEQUACY OF MATERIALS AND VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS. REQUEST FOR SET OF DLI PUBS AND ALC MATERIALS FOR KAF EXAMINATION WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE WIRE.

2. IN SUMMARY, TEAM'S IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF SCREENING CANDIDATES

FOR ENTRY INTO CONUS TNG HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. ONLY SIGNING
OF DD1513 AND FEW ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS REMAIN. NEXT MEETING
WITH KAF SCHEDULED FOR A.M. 16 FEB. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON IC, IE AND IF ABOVE, BY THAT TIME.
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